## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-34 are pending in the application. Claims 17, 23 and 31-34 have been amended. No claims have been added. No claims have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to Claims 31-34 because of informalities. Applicant has amended Claims 31-34 to correct their preambles. Applicant respectfully submits that the objection has been overcome and respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Claims 17 and 23 have been amended to correct some informalities.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection has been overcome by the amendments and the remarks and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that Claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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